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In re application of **Daryl W. Hochman**

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For : **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ASSESSING BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS USING OPTICAL DETECTION TECHNIQUES**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

1. Amendment and Reply; and
2. Return receipt postcard confirming receipt of enclosed documents.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required in connection with the filing of these documents, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-3555. This sheet is filed in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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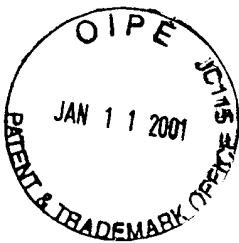
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#### AMENDMENT AND REPLY

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed October 2, 2000, please amend the subject application as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

2. (Twice Amended) [A] The method of claim 17, additionally comprising acquiring multiple test data sets relating to one or more optical properties of the sample population at multiple [predetermined], selected spatial locations in the sample population.